[Minor's Estates Department]

657 736 Disbursements for maintenance amounted to Rs. 108,800, almost exactly the same sum as was paid out in the previous year. At the beginning of the year the number of orphans and widows who were drawing allowances was 442, of these 36 attained majority and took over their property, cash payments to them totalled Rs. 182,500.

657 652 The Department built four houses in Manama and Muharraq and carried out repairs to a number of other buildings, the expenditure under this heading was Rs. 78,000.

As usual the funds held by the Department together with funds placed at its disposal by the Government were given out on loan to the public, at interest, secured by title deeds of immovable property or gold. The rates of interest charged by the Department are low in comparison to those prevailing in the market.

During the year the Government placed with the Department a further 2½ lakhs, making its total deposit Rs. 10,80,000.

Interest on loans collected during the year was Rs. 1,46,000, there is a scale of interest depending upon the amount of the loan, the average rate of interest during the year was 6 per cent.

Loans repaid to the Department during the year amounted to Rs. 19,29,000, about 3 lakhs more than in 1371, new loans, made to the public, were approximately 24½ lakhs. At the end of the year 24½ lakhs were on loan to the public.

DEPARTMENTAL ACCOUNT

Receipts			Expenditure		
Balance from 1371	Rs. 16,585 6 10		Maintenance allowances, etc.	Rs. 1,08,876 9 0	
From estates and compensation cases	1,31,249 1 8		Purchase of properties	9,330 0 0	
Rents	1,96,396 13 4		Upkeep of buildings and additions	78,325 15 11	
Refund of Loans	19,29,600 0 0		Payments to the beneficiaries	1,82,511 10 0	
Interest on Loans	1,46,040 0 0		Loans advanced	24,40,250 0 0	
Deposits	2,09,051 12 5		Balance in the Eastern Bank	1,25,205 9 1	
Loan from Government	2,50,000 0 0				
By sale of properties	50,451 4 3				
Debts recovered	15,127 5 6				
Total	Rs. 29,44,499 12 0		Total	Rs. 29,44,499 12 0	

LAND REGISTRATION DEPARTMENT

(From the report of Mr. Abdul-Aziz Al Saleh, acting Superintendent of the Department)

428 651 495 **Land Registration.** There were 1,072 transactions during the year which included 628 sales, 262 registration of titles and 182 gifts; the properties which were dealt with consisted of 273 plots of ground, most of them being building sites, 82 gardens, 47 shops and 26 miscellaneous lots. Fees amounting to Rs. 1,27,975 were collected of which Rs. 1,20,781 was derived from sales and Rs. 7,194 from registration of titles, etc